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JUDGMENT DAY



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No more holding back.

-- ICEMAN



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"...at least for the moment."

Earlier today,
at the edge
of our sun.





It won't take long for this star to collapse!

What were the latest Gameworld odds for destroying Earth?

We just got rich, boys!

Bad news, bad boys.

Gameworld is out of business.

AAH!

Now, we're a little busy with some Celestial stuff at the moment, so be quick.

What'd you just dunk into our sun?





X-MEN

EIGHT MINUTES TILL DEATH!

The newly elected X-Men team of Jean Grey, Cyclops, Synch, Magik, Iceman, Forge, Havok and Firestar has been thrown right into the fire as they stand as mutants' first line of defense against the Eternals who have set their sights on mutant genocide in order to correct what they view as excessive deviation following the reveal of mutant resurrection.

A faction of Eternals has paired with the Avengers and turned the Avengers' headquarters (the deceased body of a Celestial) into a new living god: the Progenitor! However, the newly awakened Progenitor has announced that everyone on Earth will be judged -- and if found lacking, all will perish!

***This issue takes place after the events of A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #3**



[JEAN GREY]



[SYNCH]



[ICEMAN]



[HAVOK]



[CYCLOPS]



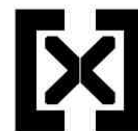
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[FORGE]



[FIRESTAR]



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Bishop, more Eternals are approaching Krakoa from the south shore.

We have wounded who are cut off from escape.

... I hear you, Scott.

Ice man, I need you.



On the move to you, Jean.



'Sup.

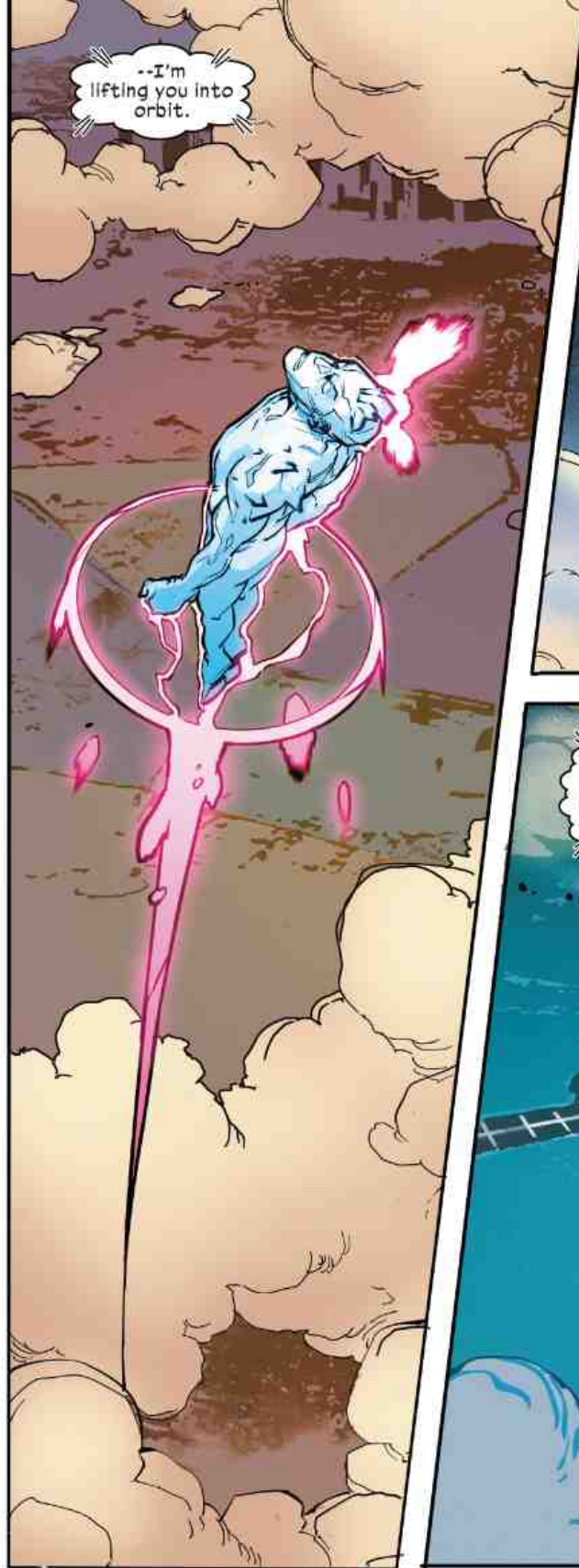
Another front has opened. It's an extinction-level event from our sun.



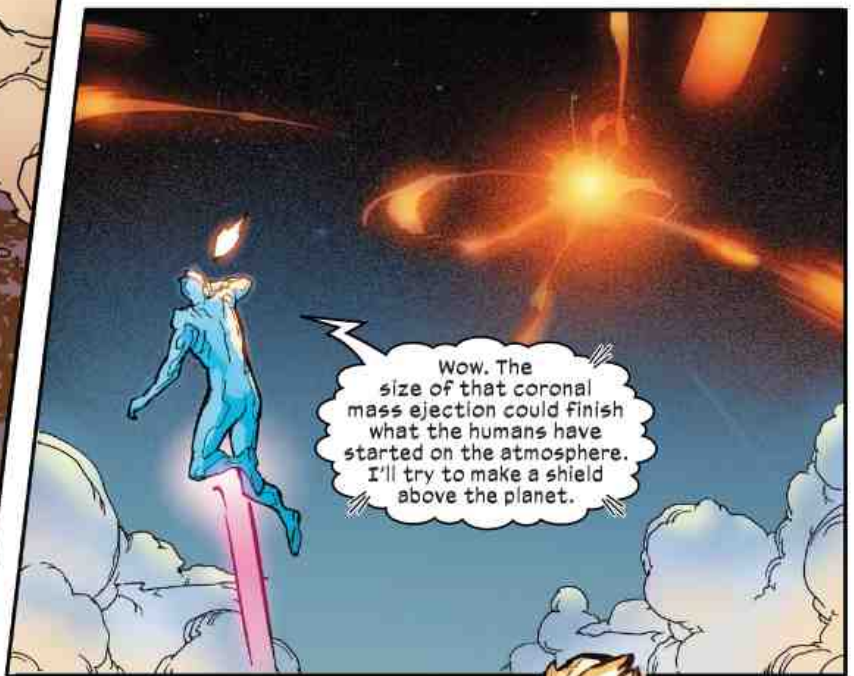
I'll give you the download.

Oh, wow.

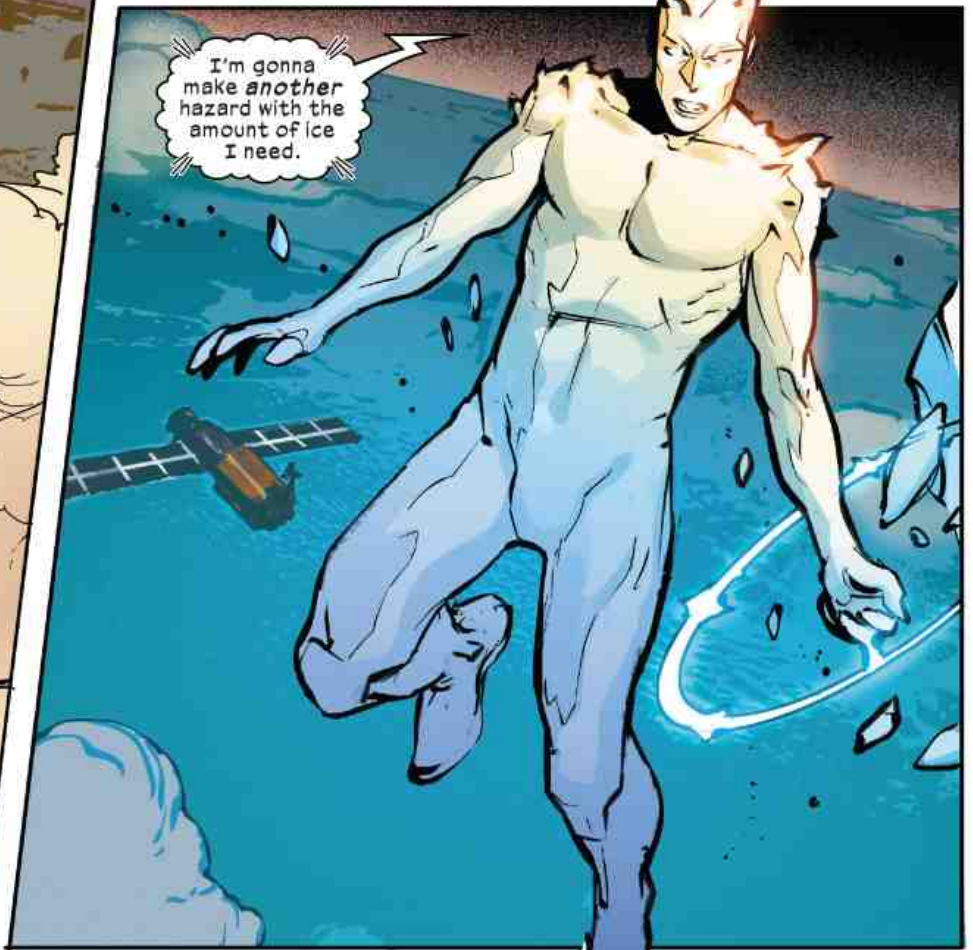
Hold on--



--I'm
lifting you into
orbit.



Wow. The
size of that coronal
mass ejection could finish
what the humans have
started on the atmosphere.
I'll try to make a shield
above the planet.



I'm gonna
make *another*
hazard with the
amount of ice
I need.



Jean, tell
Forge to put his
thinking bandana
on.



I know.
Firestar is
on deck.

Angelica,
we need you
to fly.

Where
to?



Up.



Oh my
god!
Is that
ice gonna *stay*
in orbit?



Long enough
to be the planet's
airbag in the crash
we're about to
be in.

And
when the sky
falls...



...it's your turn.

The American midwest is likely to be our largest debris field.



I love Chicago this time of year.



I'll be ready.



Hey, Iceman. My thinking bandana is *always* on.

I've been doing some calculations on how thick the ice should be. Jean, get ready to upload to Iceman.

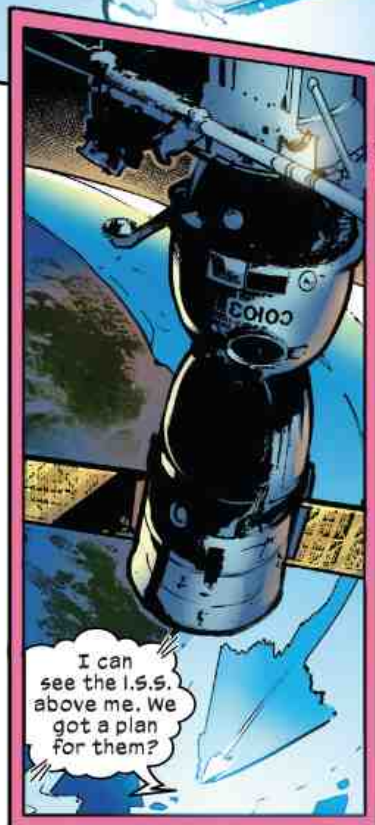
The storm's going to be hell for anyone in orbit.



Time?

Two minutes to contact, and here's some data from Forge.

I can already feel gravity pulling me down.



I can see the I.S.S. above me. We got a plan for them?



Yep!

This is Magik. I'm making a pit stop.



Hey, space folks--come with me if you want to live!

Don't mind the brawl.



I've made the ice about as dense as my head.



You guys get the astronauts home?



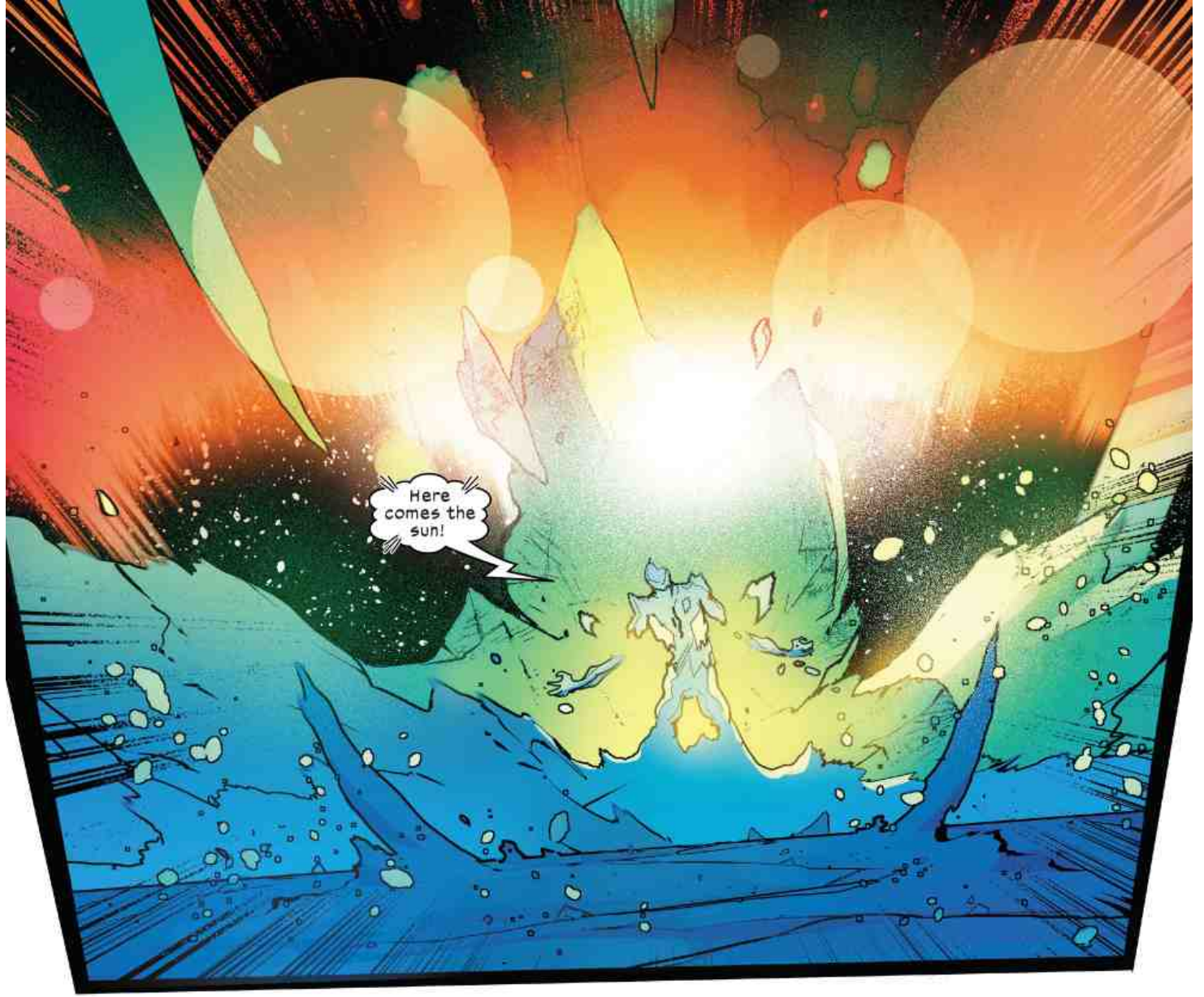
Yep. Touching down right underneath you in Chicago.

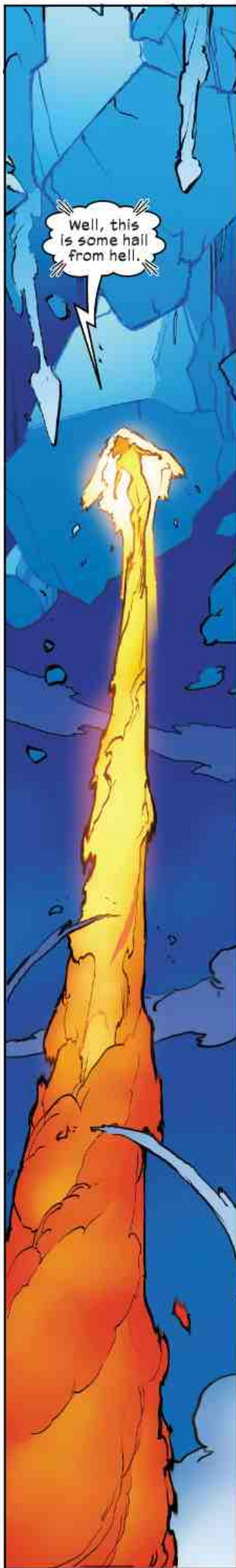
You're creating a nice little eclipse down here.

Bobby, what can we do for you?



Hope for the best--I've made contact with the flare.





Well, this is some hell from hell.



I don't know if I can catch it all!



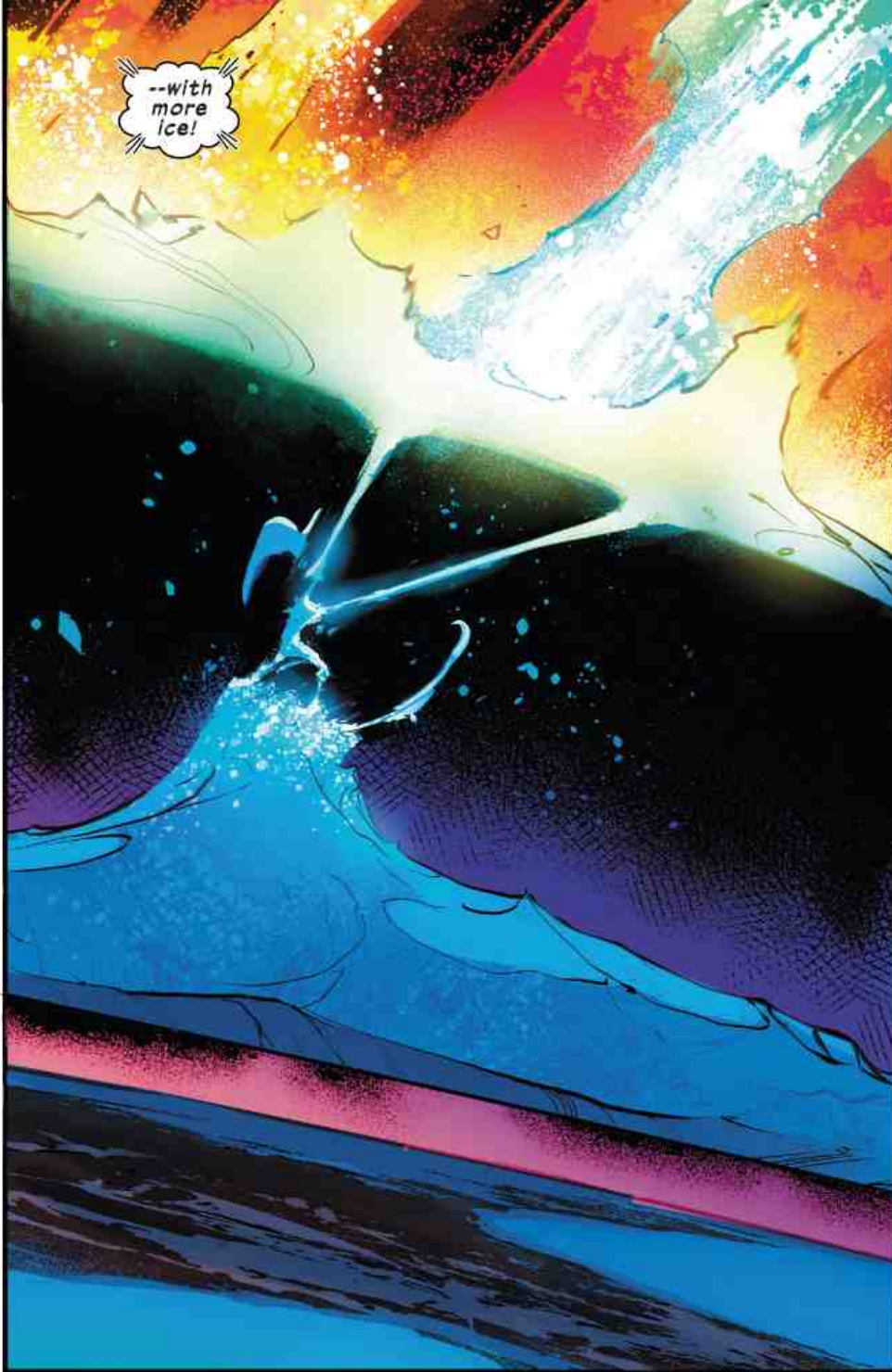
We've got your back. Synch, Rogue and I will be clocking in with my telekinesis.

Didn't you just leave this party, Rogue?

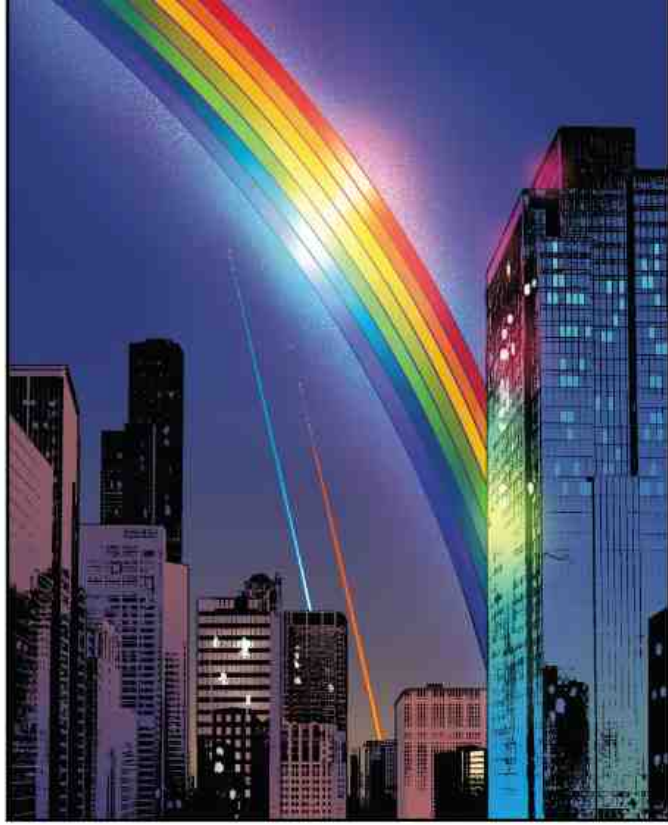
Yah never leave the X-Men, Synch.

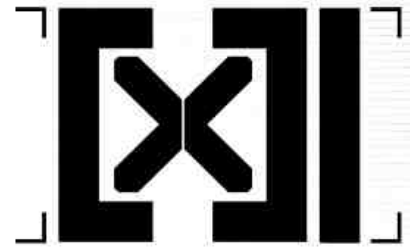


I'm gonna meet the rest of the plasma bolt--









EXCERPTED INTERVIEW WITH ICEMAN AFTER STOPPING THE SOLAR STORM:

I only have a few moments before I need to get back to our giant-monster problem, but I did want to stop and introduce myself. I'm Iceman.

At the school I grew up in, we used to call our mutant powers "gifts" even though they often were not. Me and my fellow students at Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, most of us were told to hold back, be reserved. We couldn't afford to slip up in a world that always seemed to hate us. But playing it safe might have kept me bottled up in other ways. Maybe...maybe it was good for the humans around us? It probably wasn't good for me. Pretending to be something I wasn't and would never be...it was like carrying a rock around in my heart.

There was an emphasis in the early days on fitting in, on coexisting, and I still believe in that. But why should we only dance to your beat? Maybe we had our own moves to bust. I did. It just took me a bit longer to find mine.

I was anything but "normal," but I sure could look it if I wanted. Not all of my folks can look like your "normal."

I don't want anybody to thank me for what my friends and I did today. That's never why we do it, but if you want to do me one solid, see me for who I am.

A mutant. A gay man.

I know that's two strikes with a bunch of the folks I helped save today, and I'll be honest...even after everything I've ever been through, it still hurts.

I can change my body. I can look like your "normal." Lately, I've been wearing my ice because I'm proud of who I am, and I'm doing it for all the mutants who can't look like humans and don't want to. Maybe I can save some young mutants and humans some time and some grief. Don't wait to be who you are, and don't be ashamed of that person. Thanks for your time. I have to get back to our home. It's still under attack. Thanks for listening.





"...that we all became
so judgmental."

The Arctic.

You
know who
I am...



...I didn't
want you to
think that I
forgot about
you.



CYCLOPS
OF KRAKOA.
YOU ARE TO BE
JUDGED!



Uh-huh.



YOU ARE—

I will
be judged, but I
don't recognize
your authority.

I request
a change of
venue.

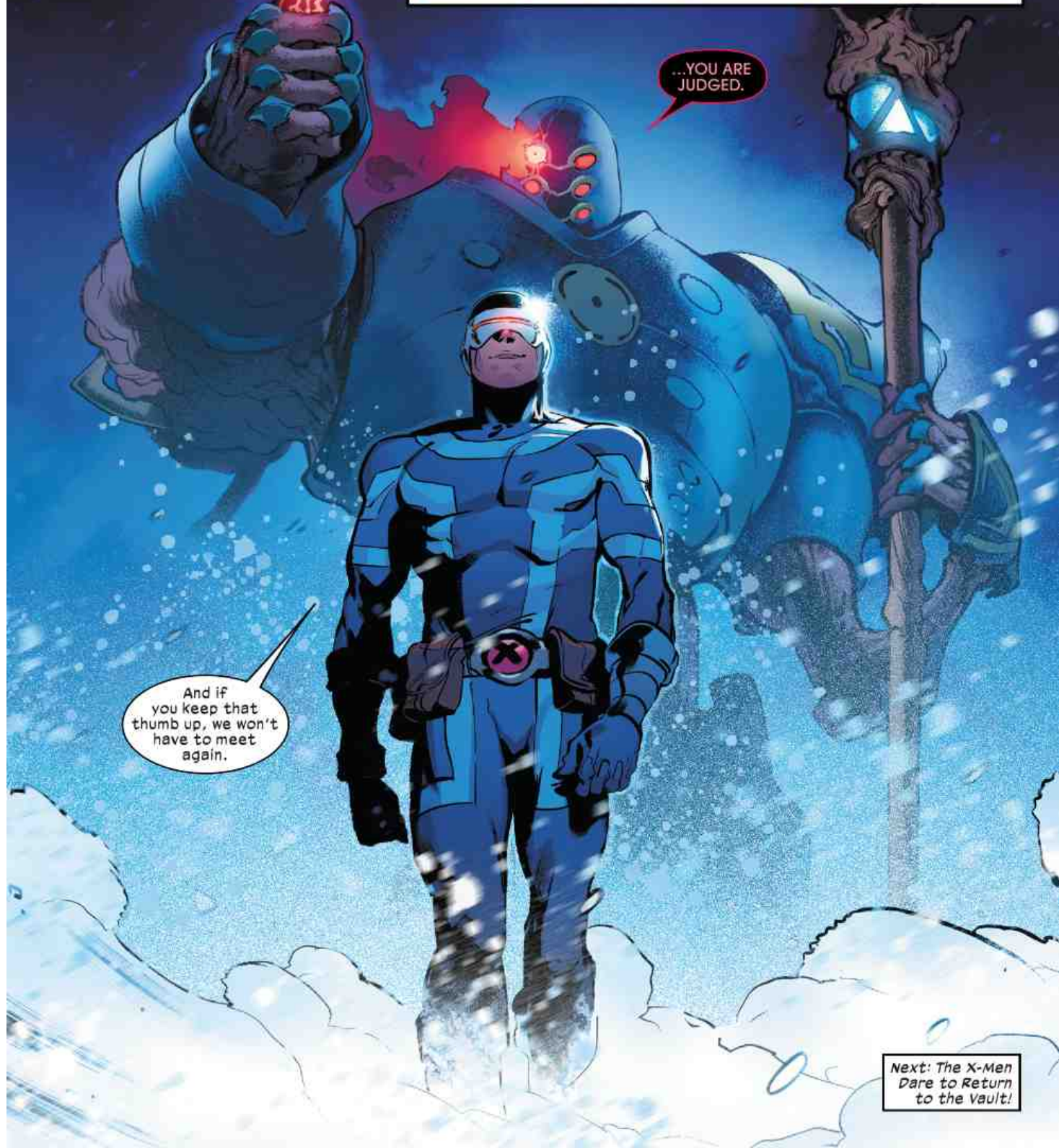


The only person alive who can judge me is my wife, *Jean Grey*.

If you want to meet her...I can arrange that.

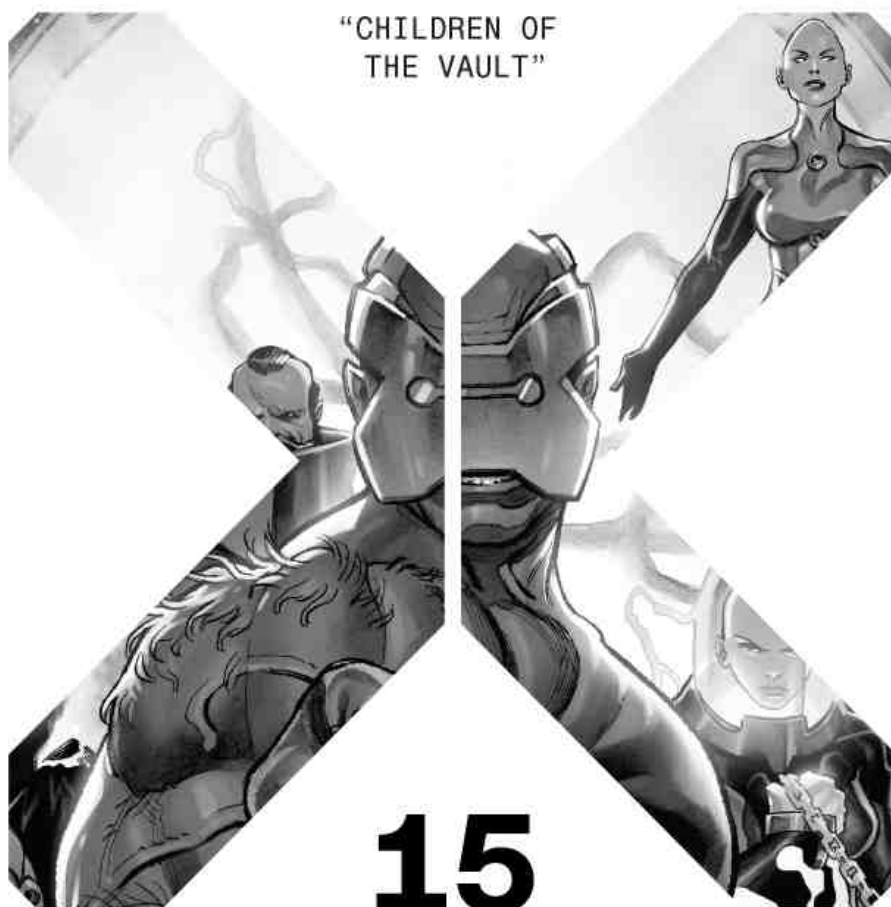
Maybe I'd also take a scolding from my teammates, the X-Men.





Next: The X-Men Dare to Return to the Vault!

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